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## A CONVENTION OF TURNERS.

Delegates From All Nebraska Societies Will  
Meet in Omaha Next Saturday.

## THE OBJECTS OF THE GATHERING.

Celebration of the Birth in This City  
of the First Society West  
of Chicago—The State  
Bund.

The man who walks the streets of Omaha today and meets such staid citizens as Henry Pundt, Fred Metz, Charles Beindorf, Judge Beneke, Henry Erdling, Meyer Holman, Fred Metz, Sr., Julius Rudowsky, Henry Lennan, Charles Karbach, Meyer Kapka, Charles Berner and a score of others would hardly think that they ever participated in such boyish pastimes as putting the shot, making the high and long jumps, swinging on the bars and handling the clubs, but they did, and they enjoyed these exercises as much as do the young men of the present day.

This all took place a long time ago, when Omaha was not as much of a city as it is at the present time.

As early as 1855 the young Germans of the city conceived the idea of organizing a Turnverein, and at once prepared for the work. The next spring the gentlemen above mentioned completed the organization and held their meetings in a hall in the old Caldwell block, on Douglas street, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth. The organization prospered, and in a few weeks the hall on Twelfth street was bought for \$1,300 and the German theater built at a cost of \$9,000. It was a fine building, one of the best in the city at that time, and the members felt very proud of this property. This was the first Turnverein society west of Chicago, and besides having their friendly class contests for prizes, pleasant dancing parties were held in the building, with an occasional Sunday night treat.

Louis Anderson was elected the first speaker of the society, and for a year the members were as happy as children of one family, but in 1857 there was an election of officers. Anderson wanted to be re-elected, but met with considerable opposition; so much so that he left the society and at once set about to organize the Concordia Singing society. All of the young Germans were very fond of music and went with him. This cost the Turnverein a great many members; in fact, so many that it was difficult to secure a quorum. A meeting was held, and to bridge over the difficulty a resolution was adopted by which seven members constituted a quorum. The following Sunday, Charles Beindorf made an effort to gather in seven members, but as only six could be secured, the first Omaha Turnverein adjourned without a date.

Prior to this and at the time of building the hall, the society incurred a debt of \$5,000. Stock to this amount, in shares of \$10 each, was issued to the members and the money for the same paid into the treasury but for some reason never appeared to the cancellation of the debt.

After the society was abandoned John Brandt managed to secure most of the stock, paying a trifling sum for the same. This action disgusted the members and they everything by default. The taxes on the property became delinquent, and in 1870 Brandt took a tax deed under which he holds the lot at the present time.

Two years later the Turnverein was revived, new blood was infused into the organization, and it has since then prospered until now it has 135 active members and the valuable property on Harvey street known as Germania hall, with the following officers: First speaker of the society, Fritz Anderson, Charles Otto Kinder, turn warden, Henry Kunze, treasurer, Fred Spethman, trustees, Louis Helms, Henry Rhoif and Charles Harau.

To the Turnbund of Nebraska belong the

following societies: The John Turner society of Omaha, twenty-five members; the Omaha Turnverein, 125 members; South Omaha, forty members; Plattsmouth, seventy members; Lincoln, 100 members; Fremont, sixty members; Nebraska City, ninety members; Sioux City, Ia., sixty members; and West Point, forty members. Three societies form a branch of the North American Turnverein band, which has a membership of 40,000 members, and nearly, consisting of real estate and half of more than \$1,000,000 in value.

Last July the general meeting of the Turnbund was held in New York city, and Phil Anderson of the Nebraska bund attended as a delegate. At that meeting it was suggested that the state bunds hold delegate conventions for the purpose of renewing their charters and transacting general business. In carrying out these suggestions, delegates from all of the Nebraska societies will meet in Germania hall next Saturday.

On the first day of the meeting the celebration of the birth of the first Turnverein society will be held, and it is expected that all of the old time members will be present. For this event a splendid programme has been prepared.

## ORE FROM MEXICO.

It Will Cause the Location of Another Bonded Warehouse Here.

Omaha is to have another bonded warehouse.

The Omaha and Grant smelting and refining company, under a provision of the McKinley bill, will import crude ore in bond from Mexico, paying the duties here instead of at the border.

Heretofore the smelting company has been obliged to submit to having its shipments of ore from Mexico delayed several days at El Paso, the port of entry, while the ore is there sampled, the ore and made a certificate of its grade, charging a fee of \$5 per car for his work.

The delay in transportation was a serious one, as the value of the ore fluctuated greatly, and efforts were made by Collector Alexander, at the request of the smelting company, to have the ore transported in bond to Omaha without being delayed at El Paso.

The first effort in this direction was made about two months ago and met with a direct refusal by the treasury department. Yesterday, however, Mr. Alexander was notified that a different construction had been placed on the clause in the McKinley bill and the importation of ore in bond would be allowed.

The smelting company will provide a bonded warehouse and the ore will be placed in it as soon as received. The ore will be assayed here and duties collected in accordance with the result shown.

## FUNERAL NOTICE.

The funeral of Mrs. Charles F. Combs will take place from Trinity cathedral Monday, January 19, at 1 p. m.

Des Moines papers please copy.

## DIED.

JENSEN—On Friday, January 17, 1891, Peter Jensen, aged 39 years, at Lincoln hospital, corner Thirty-fourth street and Ames avenue.

Funeral services Sunday at 2 p. m. at C. W. Griggs & Co's undertaking rooms, 1009 Farnam street. Interment at Springwell cemetery. Lodges No. 1 and 10 cordially invited to assist No. 19 in the services.

## CHARTER AMENDMENTS.

The Work of the Committee Considered by the Council.

Eleven members of the city council met in the council chamber at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon to hear and consider the report of the committee appointed to prepare and submit amendments to the city charter.

Upon motion of Mr. Bechel the report was received and read by Secretary Burroughs of the committee.

Amendments were submitted to compel the attendance of witnesses in certain cases; second, to create the office of assessor for cities of the metropolitan class, fix his official term of office and provide that notaries public may swear in voters on election day; fifth, providing for property qualifications of parties who desire to run for the office of city councilman; sixth, enlarging the powers of the mayor and city council; sixth, regulating the board of health, providing penalties for violations of garbage regulations and defining the duties of the board of health and city council with reference to the health regulations.

Section 37 of the present charter will be changed but very little, a few alterations being made in the provisions which regulate fire escapes and the putting on of fire proof blinds, also with regard to the use of fire proofing material. The amended section will place the strict regulation of the use of fire proofing material in the hands of the city council, and also provide that no building shall be used for the purpose of storing or depositing inflammable or explosive materials.

In section 66 the limit of percentage to which special bonds may be issued has been changed from 10 per cent to 12 1/2 per cent of the valuation. This is exclusive of paving, grading and park bonds.

Section 69 is changed so that upon the petition of three-fifths of the property owners on any street for grading or paving the council may proceed with the work. In section 72, which relates to the levying of a tax for current expenses, the amendments provide for a special levy if necessary for the purpose of providing light for the city. There is also a clause providing that when the valuation of the city shall have reached \$25,000,000 the rate of taxation shall decrease in the same ratio as the proportion as the valuation shall have increased.

With regard to the compensation of the city treasurer section 80 has been changed so as to provide for the payment of a fee of \$5,000 per annum, instead of the fee system now in vogue. This change will take effect in 1902.

Section 91 provides that 75 per cent of all road and bridge taxes collected from city property shall be paid over to the city. Section 95 provides that all bonds when due shall be advertised and interest shall be allowed after maturity. In section 99 there is a very important provision which will regulate the depositing of all city funds with the banks or loaning institutions. The council is authorized to advertise for bids from such institutions as wish to take the funds deposited, and no funds shall be deposited with any bank having less than \$250,000 paid up capital.

In section 104 a change was made to provide for the supervision of public buildings by the board of public works, and a majority of the board of public works—three members shall include the chairman—shall have authority to transact business of the board.

Section 107 relates to park commissioners. It has been changed so that the commissioners will have control of all park property within six miles of the city, and in conjunction with the city council the commission may issue bonds and purchase lands for park purposes to the amount of \$500,000 within the next three years.

In section 110 a change is made providing for the appointment of a deputy controller, who shall be authorized in the absence or inability of the controller to transact the business of the office.

Section 111 relates to the city attorney, and simply makes the authority of the mayor to appoint a city attorney more specific.

Section 112 provides for the assistant city attorney and a city prosecutor, who shall be in constant attendance at the police court.

Section 113 provides that the council shall

not enter into contracts for work to extend over a period of more than two years.

Section 115 provides that upon the petition of property owners the council may establish sprinkling districts and levy a tax to pay the expense of sprinkling.

In section 120 the committee recommended that the city clerk be appointed by the mayor and that the salary be fixed at \$3,000. The council was not in favor of placing the appointment of city clerk in the hands of the mayor. The section was changed so as to leave the election of city clerk with the council.

Section 140 provides that the fiscal year shall begin and end in accordance with other provisions of the charter.

Section 142 relates to notices that must be served upon the city by persons who claim to have been injured by defective sidewalks or other causes.

Section 145 was changed by the committee to give the mayor all powers and compensations that belong to other members of the board by fire and police commissioners. Messrs. Specht, Oshoff, Bechel and others were in favor of placing the appointment of the members of the fire and police commission in the hands of the mayor instead of the governor. The section was amended so as to give the mayor the appointment of the board, and also the appointment of the chief of police.

The last section amended, section 167, provides for the salaries of the city officials. The mayor's salary remains at \$2,500, and he will also receive the same compensation as other members of the board of fire and police commissioners.

The police judge will receive a salary of \$2,500, and \$1,000 of that amount shall be paid by the council.

Mr. Moriarty offered an amendment to authorize the calling of the regular city election each year at the same time and place as the state and county elections, in November instead of December. He supported this amendment upon the ground that the separate city elections are simply a burden of expense amounting to about \$5,000 each year, when the elections may as well be held at the same time as the county and state elections.

On motion of Mr. Bechel a committee of six was appointed by the chair with the mayor as chairman, to take charge of the amendments as adopted, and to report thereon to the council at its next meeting.

The following gentlemen were appointed as that committee: Messrs. Bechel, Moriarty, McLeerie, Cooper, Burdick and Olson. The council then adjourned.

## CREECH DONATIONS.

The Creech acknowledges the following contributions for the month of December 1890:

Clothing—Messdames Weesels, Morse, Whitney, Anderson, Nye, Forby, Darrow & Logan, Hayden Bros., Brandels, kindergarten on Howard and Twenty-sixth streets and Leavon school.

Food—Messdames Peck, Viles, Monell, Morse, McGrew, Pratt, Jans, Sloan & Johnson, Paxton & Gallagher, World-Herald bureau, Ladies' Sewing and Aid society, Samuel Dreifus, C. B. Moore, Mr. Wieg, Mr. Wagner.

Killing—Mr. Fleming and Mrs. Adolf Fleming.

Nuts—Mrs. Kimball, Voegel & Dinning, Candy—Peycock Bros., kindergarten on Howard and Twenty-sixth streets.

Christmas tree—Emerson Tea company. Cash donations—Mr. Kuntze, \$1; a friend, \$1.

MARY A. WALLACE, Secretary.

## A Stolen Rig Recovered.

A young man named Ed Dickey hired a livery rig at Gue & Cotton's stable, corner of Sixteenth and Cass, last July, and the owners have just recovered it at Ashland, but Dickey is still missing.

The thief traded the rig at Ashland for a barber shop, which he ran for a short time and then traded back. He then sold the horse and mortgaged the buggy to a farmer for a small amount. Dickey later returned to Omaha and stole a buggy from Louis Brown, leaving an old card in its place. A few days ago he skipped from Ashland with a borrowed team, leaving several creditors in the lurch.

He secured \$100 worth of clothing, representing that he was a married man, and got away from his landlord and a \$50 board bill by claiming he was just going to get married. The farmer who held the chattel mortgage on the buggy found that Dickey had forged his name to a \$100 note, and in searching for that worthy learned of Gue & Cotton's loss. He acquainted them with the situation and the buggy was recovered. Last spring Dickey stole a horse from his employer, Mr. Green, a farmer near Irvington. He is a very much wanted individual just at present, as several parties are sufferers from his thefts.

## SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

## A Five-Round Knock-Out.

Harry Anders of Kansas City, champion of Kansas and Missouri, and James Hightower of Omaha will meet in Germania hall on Monday evening in a five-round contest with light gloves. Anders is to knock Hightower out in five rounds for the entire gate receipts.

## Radical, But Effective.

The frequent complaints made by neglected and abused wives, whose husbands spend their money for liquor, have caused Mayor Sloane to adopt a radical course, and a course which promises a speedy and certain remedy. The mayor has notified the liquor sellers not to furnish liquors to certain men. If this quiet admonition does not stop the evil the mayor will issue a proclamation notifying all persons and all liquor dealers not to furnish liquor to these men, naming them. Then in case this fails to reform these drunken wife beaters, it is proposed to pass an ordinance establishing a wife abusers' whipping post and to keep the post in public and in active employment till women will no longer be treated worse than dogs.

## Magic City Band Concert.

Next Wednesday evening Magic City cornet band will give the second of its winter series of concerts in Blinn's hall. An excellent musical programme has been arranged for the occasion.

## Notes About the City.

Mrs. James H. Van Dusen entertained a very pleasant company last evening.

The St. Vincent de Paul society will hold a meeting in St. Agnes hall at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Rev. George W. Watwright, D.D., of Blair district superintendent of the American Bible society, will preach in the Presbyterian church this forenoon and the Methodist Episcopal church this evening.

Two well attended charity balls, for the benefit of western sufferers, were held last night, one at Germania hall and the other at Blinn's hall. The liberal receipts will relieve the mouths of many unfortunate.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

One of the greatest curiosities of the present age will be placed on exhibition at the Eden Musee this week. After much delay and the outlay of a considerable sum of money, Manager Lawler has secured the famous midget cattle from Samoa. These animals measure but twenty-four inches in height and weigh less than ninety pounds. They are perfect cattle in a miniature form. It is the only pair of Hiliupitua cattle known in history and will afford lovers of animals a chance to study them. In the Bijou theater will present the latest New York success, "A Wolf's Luck."

## A Charming Entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Templeton entertained a number of friends at their home on Walnut Hill last Thursday evening. Music and games made up the evening's entertainment until 11 o'clock, when refreshments were served. The affair was an enjoyable one, and every one present voted Mr. and Mrs. Templeton as charming entertainers. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Strauss, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Christian, Mr. and Mrs. John Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Haley, Mr. and Mrs. George Day, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Churchill Parker, and Mrs. Stevens of Glenwood, Ia.

## Will Sell the Shanties.

Custodian Alexander has received instruction from the treasury department to sell at

auction the frame buildings on the postoffice site. The tenants will be notified to vacate on or before February 1, and an auction sale of all the buildings will be held about February 10.

## RACE ANTAGONISM.

## What Commissioner Roosevelt Says About Indian Troubles.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Civil Service Commissioner Roosevelt, who owns a ranch in North Dakota, who has spent several years among the Indians and made them a study, believes that the trouble among the reds in South Dakota and Nebraska has arisen from race antagonism, which he declares to be the source of most of the trouble between the Indians and white people. He says: "If a white man has his horse stolen by a thief, he considers himself warranted in exacting reparation from the first friendly Indian he meets. I have known a hunting party of whites to lose a score of horses by a raid from a predatory band of Sioux, by which occurred the lossers considered themselves warranted in making a descent upon the nearest village of innocent red men of another tribe and driving off at least as many of their animals. Again, the same red Indians who had suffered depredations at the hands of lawless white ruffians to attack a cowboy camp in search of revenge. If an Indian experiences an indignity or outrage from one white man he will kill the next white man he comes across, though the latter may be entirely innocent, and so it goes. To the whites all Indians are the same, and vice versa. One thing I should like to be quoted as saying with much emphasis, and that is that the Indian police and judges ought to be paid better than they are. In the recent skirmish in connection with the arrest of Sitting Bull the Indian police behaved admirably and the government should provide for the families of those who were killed as well as reward the survivors."

## A DISMAL OUTLOOK.

Poor Pickings for an American Association Team in Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 17.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The action of the baseball managers in New York yesterday, in placing an American association club in Chicago, is regarded as a great mistake by all who have canvassed the possibilities for the success of such an enterprise. The club will meet with a cold reception in the first place. It will not be patronized week days, except as a last resort, and Sunday days it will encounter the opposition of the City league, the importance of which the association people seem to underestimate. The City league is supported by a feeling of local pride and backed by men whose influence, if exerted, could close the baseball parks on the first day of the week. The teams are composed mainly of players of proven strength and the baseball served up every Sunday afternoon will compare favorably with that of some of the clubs that the association schedule will bring to the city. The City league people are confident that if the association club charges an admission fee of 50 cents, they can beat it by legitimate opposition.

"If they come lower than that tariff," said an officer of the local organization, "I think we will be justified in resorting to any means in our power to fight them. The field is ours by right of precedence and priority. We have warned the association, through President Furness, of the reception that awaits them and it seems that our warning has been ignored."

## National Capital Notes.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Elmer D. Jordan of Iowa has declined a \$50 appointment in the record and pension division of the war department.

Mr. J. L. Baughman has been appointed postmaster at Myrtle, Lincoln county, Nebraska.

Representative Hayes of Iowa has introduced a bill to pay John Brown of Iowa \$300 for a horse lost in the Indian war of 1856-57.

W. J. Buchanan of Sioux City is at the Regis.

Mr. General A. V. Kautz of Washington

is visiting her sister, the wife of Captain Schoenfeld of Chicago.

Lieutenant Spangler of Omaha is at the Howard.

Some of the advocates of unlimited coinage represent that President Harrison will sign a free coinage bill. It can be stated upon authority that no one has been given any intimation to warrant the belief that the president would sign such a bill as the senate passed the other day. There are quite a number of ardent friends of silver who believe it would be very injurious to the business interests of the country to pass an unlimited coinage bill, especially at this time. The best and wisest friends of silver do not believe that an unlimited coinage bill can become a law, and for that reason, if for no other, they are opposing the senate bill.

## DAKOTA LAWMAKERS.

They Close the Week with Little Legislation of Any Sort.

Pierre, S. D., Jan. 17.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The house elections committee reported in favor of the present monarchical Division county holding its seat. On the Douglass county case the committee will report in favor of the contestant, an independent. Tomorrow there will be a minority report of a vote on a point of order, should the independent forces be solid for Jillion, who has been thought doubtful and ranked with the independents. The bill preventing the disposal of arms to the Indians passed. In the senate a minority report of the elections committee in favor of the seating of Robbins, the democratic candidate, was adopted. In the field of Custer. The report of the elections committee in favor of admitting Fletcher of Stanley and Robbins of Custer, elected from unopposed districts, went to the floor without a vote.

A resolution for the investigation of charges against Crawford for threatening personal violence to Gleason, a house member, was adopted and Sheafe, Jolley and Stewart were appointed a committee committee.

A Hope for Tripp.

Yankton, S. D., Jan. 17.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—A large representation of political leaders is gathered at Pierre where the first vote for United States senator will be taken Tuesday. Moody's chances from the Black Hills who went up yesterday admit his defeat. All three parties will make nominations and if the republicans are in a minority and fail to elect, the democrats have a strong hope that the independents will come to their aid and elect Tripp. Even several republicans are claimed for Tripp in case they can't elect a man of their own.

## An Alleged Sated Mine.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 17.—The suit which was commenced in the superior court by Howard and others to recover the money paid the Aguayo brothers of Mexico for the Madero mine, has been dismissed. The Aguayo brothers have agreed to pay the plaintiffs \$3,477,000 of the purchase money and \$50,000 additional as the output of the mine. The plaintiffs have controlled it. It was claimed the mine was sated.

## BREVITIES.

The Theosophical society meets every Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in room 205, Sherry block. All are invited.

The only building permit issued by Superintendent Whitlock yesterday was for a \$75 barn for A. Swanton, who lives in Forest park.

A tough named Thomas McGivern was arrested and lodged in jail yesterday, charged with having stolen an overcoat and some other valuables worth \$20.

## Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued by Judge Sholly yesterday:

Name and address.	Age.
James Kille, Omaha.	34
Minnie Jefferson, Omaha.	34
Ernest Gomez, Omaha.	48
Ana Gomez, Omaha.	47
Yachiel Pascoli, Omaha.	24
Mary Henka, Omaha.	39
John Murphy, Melrose, Ia.	29
Martha Satterly, Omaha.	24
John Holland, Omaha.	29
Corine Schaaf, Omaha.	29